

- Tennessee's high school leaving or "dropout" rate declined 29% from 1990-1991 (6.3%) to 1994-1995 (4.5%). Nationally, Tennessee ranked 38th on this indicator as reported in 1996. The rate is calculated by dividing the number of dropouts within the year by the net student enrollment at the end of the school year.
- The rate of reported child abuse and neglect increased 16% from 1992 to 1995. In 1991-1992, the rate was 8.3 per 1,000, while in 1995 the rate was 9.6 per 1,000.
- The percent of the population receiving Food Stamps declined 10% from 1992 to 1996. In 1992, there were 681,581 Food Stamp recipients, compared to 631,104 recipients in 1996.
- From 1992 to 1996, the percent of students participating in the free- or reduced-price lunch program increased by 10%. In the 1991-1992 school year, 31% of the students participating in the School Lunch Program received lunch at free or reduced prices, compared to 34% in 1994-1995.

Source: **Kids Count: The State of the Child in Tennessee 1996**. Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth, Nashville, TN, 1997.